

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Security Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Policy and Plans Group

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Executive Secretary

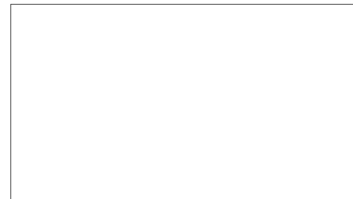
SUBJECT:

Information for DCI Briefing Book

Attached in general format is input about the Community Security Group. Information about SSC/CIB is coming from

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COMMUNITY SECURITY GROUP

Assigned to the Director of Security and attached to the Office of Security is a small group of six professionals and two clericals which serves as the staff of the DCI Security Committee. There is an FBI Agent and an Air Force Colonel assigned along with CIA Officers to support the Security Committee.

The SECOM is composed of senior security representatives of the departments and agencies of the NFIB. The principle goal is to assist the DCI in carrying out his charge in Executive Order 12036 to ensure common security standards and practices in the Intelligence Community. The SECOM has substantive experts on various subcommittees and working groups addressing computer security, technical surveillance countermeasures, compartmentation, physical security, and personnel security.

Among the current activities are efforts to enhance the security of our new Embassy Complex being built in Moscow, an attempt to establish physical security standards for protection of compartmented intelligence, on a worldwide basis, the creation of a course for the Community's people who review and adjudicate background investigations of applicants for intelligence work, participation in the recent effort to improve procedures for protection of SCI (the APEX effort), updating guidance and DCI policy proclamations on computer security, updating the Community's agreements on marking and handling of intelligence publications and upgrading the CIA's service of common concern in training technical penetration countermeasures officers. STAT

Further, the SECOM is engaged in establishing security education programs, films, and instructional aids to all members of the Community. The SECOM also maintains and employs representatives from all departments to investigate unauthorized disclosures of classified intelligence. Probably most importantly, the Security Committee serves as a forum of professional officers for the rapid and meaningful exchange of information, techniques, threats, and procedures that may impinge on the ability of the Community to deliver intelligence to policy makers in a secure fashion.

The Intelligence Community's endorsement of the missions and functions of the Security Committee and its staff is evident in the fact that there were nominations from four departments for a recent opening on the staff.

The Security Committee offers the DCI a focal point in the Intelligence Community for receipt and discharge of his instructions, policies and procedures, and as a channel through which the DCI may be informed of significant problems with security in any part of the Intelligence Community.